



REPORT OF ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

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The Alton Community Services Program was established in 1998. It was nine years ago when Elizabeth Sweeny who had worked with the Outreach Program for The Bay Church, recognized the need for more services within the Alton area. Since that time we have strived to keep her mission statement alive in assisting the distressed citizens in our area.

In April 2007 we helped 43 families. We are still working to get the word out to families who fall into the lower income bracket, slowly they are coming to our facility.

We follow the USDA guidelines in the application process. When families become ineligible for financial aid, our goal is to advise them how to budget and manage their income.

This past year Amy Brackley and I were able to obtain approximately \$20,000 for eligible households. We assisted with rent, mortgages, utilities, food and prescriptions. We received donations from the Deacon's Fund and St. Katherine Drexel and others who contribute to our program. Without your continued support and generosity we would not be able to help our clients.

The 2007 food drives and contributions by local BSA, the Brownie Troop, PMHS and ACS were most successful, with over a 1000 donations of non-perishable items. Hannaford of Alton provided over 150 "Feed a Feast" bags. Our appreciation is extended to these organizations, to the area churches, businesses and others for your donations and collecting items for the food pantry. It has been a very rewarding year for us and our volunteers, and we are most grateful for your efforts, we are very fortunate.

In 2007 Sandra Wyatt was elected as President of the Board. Our thanks to Peter Bolster for his many years of service as President. The annual audit was performed by B. Ingoldsby and D. Folsom and our financial records were found to be in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothee S. Wentworth, Director ACS

"no good deed how small, goes unrewarded"